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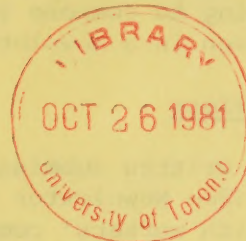
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NEWSLETTER



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1. Royal Commission on Asbestos - Public Hearings, Summer, 1981

The Commission conducted an intensive series of public hearings this summer, wherein expert witnesses gave testimony on such subjects as the health effects and measurement of asbestos. The complete list of witnesses who appeared before the Commission is as follows (unless otherwise indicated, these witnesses were called by the Commission):

Dr. Donald Acheson	Dr. Edwin Holstein
Dr. Henry Anderson	Dr. Paul Kotin (Johns-Manville)
Dr. Margaret Becklake	Mr. Richard Lemen
Dr. Geoffrey Berry	Dr. Alison McDonald
Drs. Gerry Chase & Harrison Rhodes	Dr. J. Corbett McDonald
(Johns-Manville and Asbestos Information	Dr. William Nicholson
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(Quebec Asbestos Mining Association)	
Dr. Philip Enterline	
Dr. Murray Finkelstein	
Dr. Graham Gibbs	

Transcripts of these hearings are available for reading in the Commission's library room, Suite 2214, 180 Dundas St. West, Toronto. (Purchasing information is available upon inquiry to Linda Kahn at the Commission.)

2. Royal Commission on Asbestos - Future Public Hearings

The Commission can now confirm two additional hearing dates:

- (a) On Friday, October 23, 1981 starting at 9:00 a.m., Dr. John Dement will give testimony before the Commission. This testimony will focus on Dr. Dement's recent paper entitled "Estimates of Dose-Response for Respiratory Cancer Among Chrysotile Asbestos Textile Workers."
- (b) On Friday, November 13, 1981 starting at 9:00 a.m., Dr. Graham Gibbs will complete the testimony he began in August.

Both hearings will take place in Hearing Room 3 on the 21st floor of 180 Dundas Street West, Toronto (second block east of University Avenue - St. Patrick subway station).

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As indicated in the last Newsletter, the revised deadline for submissions on the subject of workers' compensation was September 30. The list of submissions recently



received is given below. The Royal Commission on Asbestos will hold informal hearings for the oral presentation of submissions, where the authors express this desire, in December, 1981. A Newsletter will announce the schedule of presentations.

The Commission will also be conducting formal hearings of expert witnesses on such subjects as compensation and enforcement. The Commission will be working with its Parties-With-Standing to compose the list of witnesses to be called in these areas. Details will be given in a Newsletter.

### 3. Written Submissions

The following written submissions have been received since the last Newsletter report on this subject. (See Newsletter No. 81-3, April, 1981.) Many, but not all, of these submissions deal with workers' compensation. As of October 9, 1981:

<u>Brief Number</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Length of Brief</u>
062	Professor Frank Innes	7 pp.
063	International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers	4 pp.
064	Mrs. Betty Glaser	5 pp.
065	The Bendix Corporation	5 pp.
066	Hamilton Labour Council	11 pp.
067	Mr. Albert Lever	2 pp.
068	Mr. Wolfgang Palleske	4 pp.
069	Workmen's Compensation Board, Ontario	65 pp. + App.
070	Mr. G.W. Cousineau	2 pp. + App.
071	Mr. Floyd Lefebvre	1 p.
072	Mr. R.B. Diamond	1 p.
073	Mrs. Betty Glaser	1 p.
074	Mr. Dwight Oland	1 p. + App.
075	Mrs. Odette Dodds	300 pp. Approx.
076	Canadian Union of Operating Engineers and General Workers, Local 110	22 pp. + App.
077	Energy & Chemical Workers Union	25 pp.
078	Ontario Federation of Labour	35 pp.

In addition, the following intend to file submissions imminently:

Asbestos Victims of Ontario  
Injured Workers' Consultants  
Johns-Manville Canada Inc.

If you are interested in reading any of these submissions, we would suggest you either contact the author directly or contact Linda Kahn at the Commission office. The Commission's library room is available to anyone wishing to read office copies of submissions.

### 4. Research

The Commission's research programme embraces topics such as asbestos in public buildings; sampling and measurement; possible policies for asbestos control; technical feasibility and cost of controlling asbestos fibres in the workplace; and workers' compensation.

Details on the availability of research papers, once these are completed, will be given in forthcoming Newsletters.



